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Re: 2010 Certification of Rate Comparability Review for Non-Rural Carriers Service in
Rural Areas in Mississippi – Docket 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

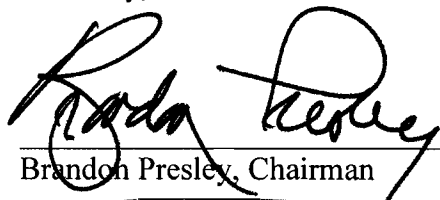
Pursuant to Section 54.316 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") rules, the Mississippi Public Service Commission has reviewed the comparability of residential rates in rural areas of the State of Mississippi served by non-rural incumbent local exchange carriers ("ILECs") to urban rates nationwide for the year 2010.

The Mississippi Public Service Commission has determined that the rates charged by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Mississippi ("AT&T Mississippi"), the State's sole ILEC, in the rural areas of the state fall within the safe harbor provisions of the FCC's rules. The nationwide urban benchmark for rates in effect on July 1, 2010, is \$36.52. As demonstrated on Exhibit "A" of this filing, AT&T Mississippi's rates applicable to Montgomery County fall well below this benchmark.

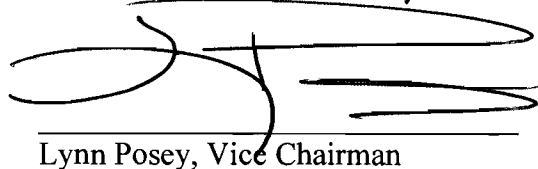
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Enclosed is a stamped addressed envelope and an additional copy of this letter for you to use in returning to us a stamped filed copy of this correspondence. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

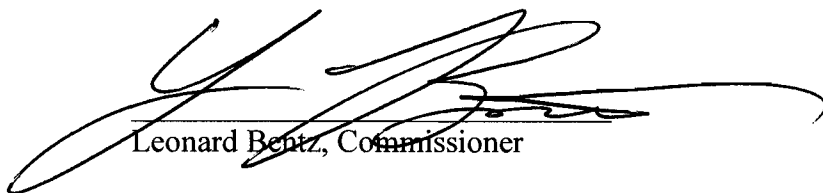
Sincerely,



Brandon Presley, Chairman



Lynn Posey, Vice Chairman



Leonard Bentz, Commissioner

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Enclosures

**Comparison of Mississippi's Rural, High Cost Area Rates to the FCC's "Safe Harbor" Benchmark
(as of July 1, 2010)**

FCC "Safe Harbor" Benchmark*

Representative Monthly Charge

Flat rate service which includes Touch Tone service	\$ 15.62
Subscriber Line Charge	\$ 5.74
Taxes, 911 and Other Charges	\$ 4.26
 Average Monthly Charge for Residential Service	 \$ 25.62
 Weighted Standard Deviation	 \$ 5.45
 Average + 2* (Std Dev)	 \$ 36.52

Mississippi Rural High Cost Rates (Duckhill, Montgomery County)

Rate for a Line with access to the Public Switched Network

Flat rate service for residential customers	\$ 16.20
Touchtone	\$ -
Unlimited Local Calling	\$ -
Sub-total A	\$ 16.20
 Federal Subscriber Line Charge	 \$ 6.50
State Subscriber Line Charge	\$ -
Federal Universal Service Fund Charge	\$ 0.88
State Universal Service Fund Charge	\$ -
Local Number Portability Charge	\$ -
Telecommunications Relay Charge	\$ 0.03
MS Emergency Telecommunicator Training Charge	\$ 0.05
Sub-total B	\$ 7.46
 911 Charges	 \$ 0.80
Federal Universal Service Charge Credits (if any)	\$ -
State Universal Service Charge Credits (if any)	\$ -
Sub-total C	\$ 0.80
 Federal Excise Tax (3% of Sub-total A & B)	 Sub-total D \$ 0.71
Total	\$ 25.17

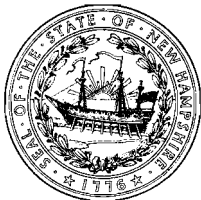
Exhibit "A"

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45, Annual State Commission Rate Comparability Review and Certification for Areas Served by Non-Rural Carriers.

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.316, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission hereby certifies that the residential telephone rates charged for service as of July 1, 2010, are reasonably comparable to urban rates nationwide.

In its *Order on Remand, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Memorandum of Opinion and Order* released in the above-referenced docket on October 27, 2003¹, the Federal Communications Commission established an annually-adjusted nationwide rate benchmark as a "safe harbor." Based upon the "safe harbor," rates in rural, high-cost areas that are below the benchmark are presumed to be reasonably comparable to urban rates nationwide. The residential rates in rural areas served by FairPoint Communications fall within the safe harbor afforded by 47 C.F.R. § 54.316(b).

If additional information is required, contact Jennifer Ducharme at (603) 271-6028.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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¹ *Order on Remand, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Memorandum of Opinion and Order*, CC Docket No. 96-45, FCC 03-249, 18 FCC Rcd 22559, rel. October 27, 2003.



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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45
High Cost Support- October 1st certification

This letter is to certify that West Virginia PCS Alliance will use its High Cost Support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended. This certification pertains to the October 1st certification deadline for High Cost Support.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of West Virginia PCS Alliance. This certification is provided for the following study area:

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Study Area Code</u>
West Virginia PCS Alliance	Kentucky	269010

Signed,

Date:

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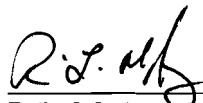
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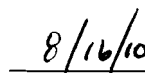
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